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SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN AIRLINE A POSSIBLE CUSTOMER FOR US AIRCRAFT

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1. THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN REGIONAL AIRLINE, LEEWARD ISLANDS AIR TRANSPORT (LIAT) HAS RECEIVED A US\$5.5 MILLION LOAN FROM THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB) FOR EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION OF ITS FLEET.

2. LIAT, WHICH IS OWNED BY THE CARICOM GOVERNMENTS MINUS BELIZE, USES BRITISH BUILT AVRO848 EQUIPMENT ALTHOUGH AT ONE TIME IT ALSO FLEW BAC-111 AIRCRAFT. (A BARABADOS-BASED LIAT OFFICIAL-THE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS IS ON ANTIGUA-TOLD US THEY HAD NO PRESENT INTENTION OF BUYING BAC-111'S BUT MIGHT PURCHASE MORE AVRO'S.) THE DEPT. COULD INFORM BOEING AND DOUGLAS THAT LIAT MIGHT PROVE A POTENTIAL CUSTOMER FOR THE 737 OR DC-9. THE INITIAL APPROACH COULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. RICHARD KING, GENERAL MANAGER, OPERATIONS, LIAT, COOLIDGE AIRPORT, ANTIGUA, W.I.
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